GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF FLOOR LIME STONE MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who have been allotted floor lime stone mines on priority basis in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the minimum wages fixed for the labourers;

(c) whether the Government propose to increase their wages on being to meagre; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): Floor limestone is reckoned to be a minor mineral under Section 3(e) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and consequently the Central Govt. is not concerned with the grant of mining lease for this minor mineral.The regulation of mineral concessions etc. of minor minerals like floor limestone is entirely under the domain of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh and therefore the Central Govt.do not maintain such information. However, the State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has informed that 1254 quarry leases have been granted for floor limestone as per the provisions of Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966.

(b) to (d): The minimum wages of the workers engaged in the scheduled employments are fixed, revised and enforced by the Central and the State Governments under the statutory provisions of Minimum Wages Act, 1948. Recently, the Ministry of Labour have revised the minimum wages of the workers employed in various mines vide Gazette Notification S.O.No.9(E) dated 3rd January, 2002 wherein the wages above the ground range from Rs. 52/- to Rs. 93/- per day and below the ground, from Rs. 63/- to Rs. 111/- per day.